

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 14 (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) A cementitious slurry comprising:
- a hydraulic binder;
 - water;
 - a water reducer selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) fly ash having a predominant particle size of up to about 10 microns;
 - (ii) an aluminous material selected from the group consisting of hydrated alumina, partially hydrated alumina, unhydrated alumina and mixtures thereof;
- wherein the water reducer reduces by about 20%-40% the amount of water required in the slurry to achieve substantially the same slurry viscosity as a cementitious slurry of an equivalent formulation substantially identical in composition to the formulation of the cementitious slurry but without the water reducer.
16. (Previously Presented) The cementitious slurry of Claim 15, wherein the aluminous material has a predominant particle size of up to about 150 microns.
17. (Previously Presented) The cementitious slurry of Claim 15, further comprising a plasticiser.